

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  EFFICIENT USE OF TELEPHONE NUMBERING RESOURCES	DOCKET NO. NOI-00-3
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**ORDER AUTHORIZING TRANSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES**

(Issued September 6, 2001)

On April 3, 2001, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order requiring thousands-block number pooling trials in the 515 and 641 area codes. In that order, the Board designated Telcordia Technologies, Inc. (Telcordia), as the interim-pooling administrator. This order authorizes Telcordia to transition the administration of the two pools to NeuStar, Inc. (NeuStar), as part of NeuStar's designation by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as the National Thousands-Block Number Pooling Administrator.

On July 20, 2000, the FCC adopted and released an order granting the Board interim authority to implement various area code conservation and relief planning measures, including mandatory thousand-block number pooling trials in the original 515 area code<sup>1</sup>.

Prior to that order, on March 17, 2000, the FCC adopted FCC 00-104, *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*,<sup>2</sup> in which it determined that

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<sup>1</sup> In re: Numbering Resource Optimization Implementation of Local Competition Provisions of Telecommunications Act of 1996, 2000 WL 9916929 (FCC July 20, 2000).

<sup>2</sup> FCC 00-104 was released on March 31, 2000, and became effective on July 16, 2000.

“a national thousand-block pooling framework [is] mandatory for all carriers that are currently required to be LNP-capable either because they provide service in one of the largest 100 MSAs, or pursuant to a request from another carrier.”<sup>3</sup> The FCC further concluded that: (1) Nationwide pooling should be administered by a single pooling administrator, (2) Implementation of nationwide pooling should be delayed until a national pooling administrator is selected, and (3) States should be permitted to continue to implement individual pooling trials through individual requests for additional delegation of authority until the national pooling framework is in place.<sup>4</sup>

On June 18, 2001, the FCC’s Common Carrier Bureau announced that it had selected NeuStar to be the national thousands-block number pooling administrator. Because of the FCC’s earlier order that nationwide pooling should be administered by a single pooling administrator, it is necessary for administrative duties associated with the 515 and 641 pooling trials to transition from Telcordia to NeuStar, and the Board will therefore direct that Telcordia and NeuStar undertake and complete that transition.

The pooling administrator’s fees are paid by Iowa telecommunications service providers, acting through the North American Portability Management, LLC. That entity is hereby requested to promptly negotiate contracts with NeuStar to effectuate the transition of the 515 and 641 number pools from Telcordia to NeuStar as the

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<sup>3</sup> FCC 00-104, ¶ 125. FCC 00-104 also makes provisions for covered CMRS providers to implement thousand-block pooling after they become LNP capable. “LNP” stands for Local Number Portability and “MSA” for Metropolitan Statistical Area.

<sup>4</sup> FCC 00-104, ¶ 128.

pooling administrator on a state trial basis. NeuStar shall notify the Board's Executive Secretary by letter when the contracts have been executed.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Telcordia Technologies, Inc., shall transition its pooling administrator responsibilities for the 515 and 641 pools to NeuStar, Inc., at such time as is convenient for each of them, but no later than October 1, 2001.
2. NeuStar, Inc., shall be designated as the pooling administrator for the 515 and 641 number pools.
3. The North American Portability Management, LLC, is requested to negotiate contracts with the pooling administrator as stated in this ruling.
4. NeuStar shall notify the Board, by letter to Board's executive secretary, when the pooling contracts have been executed.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

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ATTEST:

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